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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussions with DD/S on Acquisition of a New Agency Major Office Facility in Washington, D. C.

1. The undersigned met with Colonel White, DD/S, on 25 September to discuss, at his request, certain general matters concerning DD/S&T in relation to a proposal being made to DCI that the Agency acquire in a mid-town Washington location approximately 500,000 sq. ft. of office space.

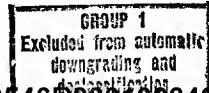
2. A little background information may be helpful. 500,000 sq. ft. of office space represents approximately one half of the usable office space in the Headquarters building. The object in acquiring this mid-town space is threefold.

a. To centralize those Agency activities now located in about ten different locations in Washington, D. C. itself.

b. To relocate certain offices from the Headquarters building who have been particularly prejudiced in the accomplishment of their mission because their principal points of liaison or contact are with other governmental agencies located in the center part of Washington.

c. To relieve current and probably predictable overcrowded conditions in the Headquarters building.

There is no particular piece of real estate in the central portion of the city currently under consideration. If decisions were made immediately per se for the acquisition of space, it is estimated that occupancy would not take place until the fall of 1965.



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3. Colonel White was primarily interested in speaking about matters of the juxtaposition of DD/S&T units vis-a-vis each other, the Office of DCI, the DD/P, and the DD/I. Before being responsive to his questions, I explained and we both agreed of the objectiveness of the fact that the organizational structure and responsibilities we have today may little resemble that which we would have in the fall of 1965.

4. I related to White the positioning of our units along the following lines. The immediate Office of the DD/S&T should be located in the same building with the immediate office of the DCI. OSA should be located in the same building with the DD/S&T himself. The location of OSI should be primarily determined on the basis of its proximity to the DD/I structure. While arguments could be put forth which would see OCS co-located with either OSA or DD/I, I considered its proximity to DD/I as more necessary. OEL and ORD probably enjoyed more flexibility than any of our other elements but had a greater affinity toward OSA than either OCS or OSI. OEL also has continuing relationships on varying matters with the DD/P institution.



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